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- 1. IN VIEW OF REVISED FIGURE MENTIONED IN REF B, AID NOW EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE IN COSTA RICA.
- 2. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT AD HOC COMMIT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEE DESIGNATED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD IN JANUARY IS CURRENTLY

MEETING IN GENEVA TO DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS TO FORTHCOMING WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY CONCERNING SITE, DATE AND PROGRAM FOR PROPOSED CONFERENCE. SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, SOVIET INVITATION IS ONLY FIRM ONE COMMITTEE HAS FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. FOR REASONS CITED IN REF C, US CANNOT DEPART FROM PRINCIPLE THAT HOST GOVERNMENT PAYS EXCESS COSTS OF MEETING HELD AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS. IN FACT US DELEGATION TO WHA WILL SEEK TO MAKE SURE THIS PRINCIPLE IS FULLY RESPECTED IN ANY AGREEMENT BY WHA. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO MAKE EXCEPTION FOR COSTA RICA IN SPITE OF EXCELLENT CASE MADE BY WEINSTOK (REF A). MOREOVER, WE WOULD HOPE THAT

COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT TAKE ACTION THAT WOULD CALL THIS PRINCIPLE INTO QUESTION.

- 4. FOR SAN JOSE. AMBASSADOR MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IN RESPONDING TO WEINSTOK. FYI COSTA RICA IS MEMBER OF UN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES AND ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN THAT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATION AND COST EFFECTIVENESS OF UN CONFERENCE PROGRAM. END FYI.
- 5. FOR GENEVA. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING AS AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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